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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office action dated August 8, 2002, Paper No. 9, amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A tray of components for use in performing vertebroplasty, said tray comprising: